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Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Branch
Communications Center
245 Murray Lane, SW, Building T-5
Washington, D.C. 20223

Date: DEC 8 2011

Jason Smathers
MuckRock Ref: 758-52083209
185 Beacon St. #3
Somerville, MA 02143

File Number: 20110586

Dear Requester:

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Acts (FOIA/PA) request which was originally submitted to the United States Secret Service (USSS) on August 9, 2011, for information pertaining to Silk Road.

In reference to your request dated September 12, 2011, the USSS has conducted a reasonable search for responsive records. It appears, from a review of USSS main indices, that there are no records pertaining to your request that referenced in these indices. Enclosed is a copy of your original request.

Alternatively, if you deem our decision an adverse determination, you may exercise your appeal rights. Should you wish to file an administrative appeal, your appeal should be made in writing and received within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter, by writing to: Freedom of Information Appeal, Deputy Director, U.S. Secret Service, Communications Center, 245 Murray Lane, S.W., Building T-5, Washington, D.C. 20223. If you choose to file an administrative appeal, please explain the basis of your appeal and reference the case number listed above.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please contact this office at (202) 406-5838. Please use the file number indicated above in all future correspondence with this office

Sincerely, -

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Victoria J. Williams".

 Craig W. Ulmer
Special Agent In Charge
Freedom of Information Act & Privacy Act Officer

Enclosure: Copy of Original Request

FOIA

From: Requests Muckrock [requests@muckrock.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 4:30 PM
To: FOIA
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Request: silk road anonymous marketplace (usss)

Hi, This is a follow up to a request given number 20110586, copied below.

USSS,

I find it difficult to believe that the 'USSS has no record of Silk Road. The Silk Road Anonymous Marketplace is a well known internet marketplace for illegal drugs, guns, credit card fraud, etc.

I ask that you do an additional search, tasking the appropriate parts of your agency that handle such crimes.

Thank you very much.

Regards,
Jason Smathers

On Mon, Aug 8, 2011 at 12:07 AM, <758-52083209@requests.muckrock.com> wrote:

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- > August 8, 2011
- > United States Secret Service
- > United States Secret Service
- > Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts Branch
- > 245 Murray Drive, Building 410
- > Washington, D.C. 20223
- > FOIA Officer/Requester Service Center Contact: Latita Payne
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- > To Whom It May Concern:
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- > This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:
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- > All records on, about, mentioning or concerning "Silk Road" (aka: Silk Road
- > anonymous marketplace, aka: ianxz6zefk72ulzz.onion). An online anonymous buying and selling
- > service that is only available via the TOR network at the address ianxz6zefk72ulzz.onion
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- > I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest.
- > The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the
- > public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press
- > and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.
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- > In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total
- > charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail
- > attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

> Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

> Sincerely,

> Jason Smathers

> Filed via MuckRock.com

> E-mail (Preferred): 758-52083209@requests.muckrock.com

> For mailed responses, please address:

> MuckRock

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